

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 3, 7 and 8 are rejected and claims 2 and 4-6 are objected to.

Claims 1 has been amended to include the features of applicant's allowable claim 2.

Claims 4 and 6 have been amended to depend from claim 1.


Claims 3, 7 and 8 now depend from allowable claim 1.

It is respectfully submitted the rejection of claims 1, 3, 7 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Taguchi et al. in view of Mahon et al. is obviated.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

Any fee due with this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1290.

Respectfully submitted,



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